

CONFIDENTIALCOCOM Document 3945Date: April 5, 1960MEMORANDUM FROM THE UNITED STATES DELEGATIONconcerningTHE EXPORT TO POLAND OF REFINED BORAX

In COCOM Document No. 3881 (February 16, 1960), the United States Delegation requested the views of the other delegations on the shipment of 500 tons of refined borax to Poland. Views were scheduled to be given on March 7. On that date the United States Delegate announced, as he had informed some delegates earlier, that he had been instructed to withdraw the request for the time being; that his authorities were reviewing Polish civilian requirement of boron materials; and that, depending on the results of this study of Polish requirements, his authorities might wish to resubmit their exception request later (reference - COCOM Document 3909).

Now, in light of the study the United States has made, the United States Delegation has been instructed to resubmit the request presented in Document 3881. The results of the United States' review of Polish requirements will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting, April 7. For the convenience of other delegations, the United States' proposal (Document 3881) is re-stated below:

"The United States authorities have been requested to license for export to Poland 500 tons of refined borax valued at \$32,605. This material is intended for consignment to CIECH, Warsaw and resale in Poland for the production or manufacture of enamel and glass to be distributed within Poland.

"The United States authorities request the approval of this export under the special Polish exception policy. It is anticipated that shipment will be made during the second quarter of 1960, and it has been concluded that this export is reasonable and necessary to the Polish civilian economy in terms of requirements for refined borax foreseen beginning in the third quarter of this year. The usual assurances against trans-shipment and re-export of this material, including the end-products, have been obtained."

The United States Delegation will be grateful to hear the views of the other delegations at an early date.

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